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In re application of:

Tom Lykken

(B) Filed: Herewith

For: TORQUE NEUTRAL REAR UNDERCARRIAGE FOR TRACK DRIVEN

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto is Form PTO-1449 listing documents believed relevant to the subject application. It is respectfully requested that these documents be considered by the examiner and an initialed copy of each form be returned to the undersigned.

(c) This disclosure statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) exists.

(D) It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 609. If for some reason the examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

(E) A copy of each document is enclosed.

(F) These documents are not necessarily analogous art.

(G) The relevance of each document will now be discussed.

(H) The Mallette patent number 6,631,778 generally discloses a shock linkage assembly for a snowmobile suspension system.

(I) The Vaisanen patent number 6,390,219 generally discloses a rear suspension system for a snowmobile.

(J) The Kubota patent number 6,283,241 generally discloses a rear suspension for snowmobiles.

(K) The Furusawa patent number 5,730,242 generally discloses a snowmobile suspension system.

(L) The Kobayaski patent number 4,518,056 generally discloses a snowmobile.

(M) The Yasui et al. patent number 4,462,480 generally discloses a snowmobile rear suspension unit.

(N) The Trowbridge patent number 3,933,213 generally discloses a variable response snowmobile suspension system.

(O) The Rose patent number 3,879,092 generally discloses a snowmobile track suspension system.

(P) The Erickson patent number 3,545,821 generally discloses a track suspension system for snowmobiles.

(Q) The Mallette et al. Reissue patent number 38,124 generally discloses a snowmobile suspension.

(R) The Vaisanen patent publication number 2002/0033290 generally discloses a rear suspension system for a snowmobile.

Respectfully submitted,



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